already been set up i_n Orissa. Another Power Plant of 210 KW capacity is under installation at Nisikhal in Rayagada district. Further projects will depend upon proposals received ifrom the State Governments subject to technical feasibility and availability of funds.

(c) 114 decentralised Solar Photovoltaic Power aggregating to a capacity of 532 KW have already been installed i_n 20 States. Two partially grid connected Solar Photovoltaic Power Plants Of 100 KW capacity each, are under implementation in Ut*ar Pradesh. A 30 MW Solar Thermal Power Plant is also proposed to be taken up in Rajasthan during the *8lh* Plan.

Proposal to generate electricity from agricultural waste

413. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to implement some ambitious projects for generating electricity from agricultural waste;

(b) if so, what are the details of such project; and

(c) by when those projects are expected to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) In view of the significant potential available in the country, the goal ifor generation of power from) agricultrual and agro industrial waste has been revised to 350 MW for the Eighth Plan. A National Programme on Bagasse based Co-generation and a Pilot Programme on Biomass Combustion based Power Generation have recently been launched. Small scale biomass gasfiers are also being Promoted for production of mechanical and electrical energy, A grid connected biomass gasifler project has also been taken up.

An aggregate capacity of 26 MW has already been established through projects in various States and a cap. acity of about 23 MW is under installation. Various projects aggregating to a capacity of 32 MW have recently been clearned. A further capacity of about 1(25 MW j_s under discussion.

Bio-gas plants in village of Gujarat

419. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of villages in Gujarat are going to set up Bio-gas plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have provided any financial assistance to them in this regard; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to fur ther encourage the people to set up more Bio-gas plants in all the villa ges of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State nodal agency, Guj arat Agro Industries Corporation (GAIC), Ahmedabad has been alloca ted a target of 39,200 family type ibiogas plants for the year 1994-95 under the Central Sector Scheme "National Project on Biogas Develop- (NPBD)". Beside Khadi and tVillacjs Industries Commission (KVIC), Bombay; National Dairy Development Board, (NDDB) Anand; Gujarat; and Ah India Women's Conference (AWIC), New Delhi are setting ap bio-gas plants in the State also. In addition, a target ctf setting of seven community, institutional and